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1. The real objectives of the spring operations planned by the Spanish Communists are Catalonia and the Levante area, according to source. The Communists, however, will begin their activities in Galicia, hoping to divert attention to that region. (Comment: 25X1A
reported Communist plans for insurrectional activity in Galicia to begin in May.) The increased emphasis in the Communist press on guerrilla activities in Galicia is a part of the deception.

2. Infiltration into Spain of both large and small groups of men reportedly is continuing. Shortly prior to the end of February 1948 Ramiro LOPEZ brought to Marseilles from Russia a group of twenty-eight men. High-echelon Spanish Communist military men also are being sent into Spain. Reportedly, Juan MODESTO went there during February. Source stated at the end of February that it was probable that soon all the military leaders would go into Spain, with the exception of those who have specific missions outside, such as Antonio CORDON, Enrique LISTER and Ignacio HIDALGO de Cisneros.

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